

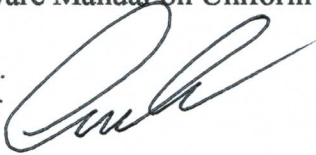


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Users of the Delaware Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

FROM: Donald D. Weber, P.E.
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DATE: May 17, 2010

SUBJECT: Interim Guidance
Sizes of STOP signs – Section 2B.03

The purpose of this memorandum is to issue interim guidance related to changes in the size of STOP signs based on the requirements of the 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), published by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The current version of the Delaware MUTCD, which was based upon the 2003 FHWA MUTCD, requires the size of a STOP sign for a conventional road to be 30 inches x 30 inches and for an expressway facility to be 36 inches x 36 inches.

Based on new requirements contained in the 2009 FHWA MUTCD, the standard size of STOP signs used in the State of Delaware shall be 36 inches x 36 inches for all conventional roadways and expressways. For intersections of two internal subdivision streets (25 mph or less and classified as a subdivision street), the size of the STOP sign shall remain at 30 inches x 30 inches. At intersections of a subdivision street and a conventional street, the STOP sign shall be 36 inches x 36 inches on all approaches.

This change should be applied to all projects regardless of their PS&E date and construction status. Likewise, it should be applied to all subdivision projects regardless of their approval date and construction status.

As existing STOP signs reach the end of their useful life, they should be upgraded to the larger sign size as part of the normal maintenance program. Capital projects making changes to signage should include the upgrade of existing STOP signs within the limits of the project.

Should you have any questions concerning this, please contact my office at (302) 659-4060.

